forming members 31 (36, 38) having a channel for causing the outlet of one of the valves 6 (8, 9) to communicate with the inlet of the valve 7 (9, 10) adjacent thereto, and an outflow channel forming member 33 (39) having a channel in communication with the outlet of the valve 7 (10) disposed at the other end of the mount (see Japanese Patent Application No. 278473/1997).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 10 with the following, rewritten paragraph:

-- FIG. 7 is a diagram showing a fluid control apparatus for which the fluid coupling of the invention is used. --

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Submitted herewith is a Request for Approval of Drawing Corrections, along with proposed drawing corrections to Figures 1 and 2, as marked in red ink.

The applicants respectfully request that the proposed drawing corrections submitted herewith be approved by the Examiner, and that the outstanding objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A fluid coupling comprising first and second coupling members having respective gasket holding annular ridges on butting end faces thereof, and an annular

gasket interposed between two coupling members, the fluid coupling being characterized in that each coupling member has a fluid channel comprising an opening passageway orthogonal to the butting end face thereof, and a slanting main passageway communicating therewith, and having a diameter smaller than the diameter of the opening passageway, the diameter of the opening passageway being equal to the inside diameter of the annular ridge, the gasket having an inside diameter smaller than the diameter of the opening passageway.